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TO : Chief, Language and Area School

DATE: 10 December 1959

FROM : Deputy for Language Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

25X1 1. [redacted] interviewed a Chinese instructor prospect at the 16th Street offices. He was suitable except for a Shanghai accent, but we have asked 25X1 the interviewer, [redacted] to obtain a PHS from him for processing, in case no other candidates are found.

25X1 2. Copy has been received here of Lessons 1-12 of FSI's basic Spoken Hungarian course, which is currently being used in that school's full-time program. An examination of this material reveals that [redacted] and his informants have been doing an excellent job, and the lessons contain lively dialogs and an abundance of drills of all types. If and when we offer a spoken Hungarian course, part-time or full-time, these materials ought to receive serious consideration for use.

3. It is gratifying to report that Graphics has been making available a large stock of new Russian and Polish films for showing during noontime and as part of the regular teaching period. While the pedagogic value of films to learners, particularly at the elementary and intermediate levels, should not be exaggerated, the movies have a "morale" value, and help the students, who are generally enthusiastic about them, to acquire a "sense of area". Unfortunately the supply of films in the other East European 25X1 languages has been very poor. [redacted] has discussed this with [redacted] of Graphics, who has promised to do something about it. An informal meeting between the two is planned soon.

25X1 4. [redacted] together with [redacted] has been making a special effort to complete the revision of the full-time spoken Russian text. He hopes that by mid-January, when he departs, the bulk of it will be finished.

25X1 5. An article by [redacted] entitled [redacted]
25X1 [redacted], appears in the December issue [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] While the readership of this magazine is "select" and

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of the "egghead" variety, these persons are by no means universally well-informed about language questions, and such discussions might have some influence.

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